

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL**

The purpose of the emergency meeting is to discuss Mat Maid and the Division of Agriculture Director position as a result of the vacancy effective June 1, 2007.

The emergency meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation was held June 19, 2007 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska. Kristan Cole called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Boardmembers present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Kristan Cole  
Mr. Wayne Brost  
Mr. Ralph Carney  
Mr. Ray DePriest  
Mr. Don McLean  
Mr. John Schirack  
Mr. Ben VanderWeele

Staff in attendance was:

Mr. Douglas Warner, Acting Director  
Ms. Lora Haralson, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Tina Otto, AAG, Dept. of Law  
Mr. Ray Nix, Natural Resource Specialist  
Ms. Candy Easley, Loan Officer

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Boardmember Brost moved to approve the agenda.  
Boardmember VanderWeele seconded.

The agenda stands approved.

Boardmember Cole introduced:

- Kris Perry, Governor's Office
- Joe Austerman, Special Assistant to the Governor for the Commissioner of Commerce
- Sharon Leighow, Deputy Press Secretary, Governor's Office
- Joe Balash, Special Assistant for the Governor for the Department of Natural Resources.

### **C. INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Ray DePriest - Hay farmer and Director for Career and Technical Education for Mat Su School District. Born and raised in Palmer and operates Tiny Moose hay farm.

Ralph Carney – Alaska Potato Chip Company. He lives in Anchorage and makes potato chips from Alaskan grown potatoes.

Wayne Brost – Dairy farmer, 11 years at Pt. MacKenzie, Mat Su Chapter representative for Farm Bureau, Vice President of State Farm Bureau and Vice President of Wasilla Soil & Water.

Don McLean – Dentist from Wasilla, lived in Alaska for 29 years and has a herd of beef cows and produces hay for his herd.

Ben VanderWeele – Potato and Vegetable Farmer in Palmer.

John Schirack – Retired school teacher and has a hay farm.

Kristan Cole – Real Estate Broker, Master’s Degree in Business Administration and has lived in Alaska since 1969.

### **D. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF BAC**

Boardmember Cole opened nominations for the position of Chair for a one year term. Boardmember McLean nominated Kristan Cole.

No other nominations were received, nominations were closed and no objections were made.

Kristan Cole will be the Chair.

Chair Cole: opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair for a one year term. Boardmember DePriest nominated Ben VanderWeele.

No other nominations were received, nominations were closed and no objections were made.

Ben VanderWeele will be the Vice Chair.

### **E. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

- Douglas Warner – Acting Director of Agriculture
- Ray Nix – Natural Resource Officer, Division of Agriculture
- Lora Haralson – Administrative Assistant and Board of Agriculture & Conservation support staff.
- Candy Easley – Loan Officer

**F. ATTORNEY GENERAL OVERVIEW**

AAG Tina Otto from the Attorney General's office reviewed with the Board:

- BAC authority
- Open Meetings Act
- Public Records
- Ethics Considerations

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS/SESSION:**

Carrol Martin and Rhonda Boyles wished the new Board good luck and offered support.

Jim Pitcher stated he is glad to have a new board.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

*(No new business).*

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*(No executive session was held).*

**J. PUBLIC SESSION:**

*(No public session was held).*

**K. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Disclosure of conflicts will be an item on the next agenda.

**L. OTHER MATTERS OR CORRESPONDENCE**

*(No other matters or correspondence).*

**M. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- July 6, 2007 10:00 a.m. teleconference to discuss Director applications/resumes.
- The next regular meeting will be held on July 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Boardmember McLean moved adjourn.  
Boardmember Carney seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.